

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 BONN 03467 082237Z

71

ACTION ACDA-19

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03

SS-20 USIA-15 NEA-10 TRSE-00 SAJ-01 IO-14 OIC-04

AEC-11 OMB-01 DRC-01 /161 W
----- 042243

R 041911Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0854

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

S E C R E T BONN 03467

1. AMB ROTH TOLD EMFBOFF MARCH 4 THAT BONN WILL NEED AT LEAST THIS WEEK TO BRING TOGETHER FONOFF AND DEFMIN ON MBFR VERIFICATION ISSUES. ROTH ACKNOWLEDGED FEELING OF DISCOMFORT AS A RESULT OF FRG HOLDING UP ALLIED CONSOLTATIONS ON VERIFICATIN BUT SAID, IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE, IT SEEMED BETTER IDEA TO PRESENT COMPREHENSIVE POSITION A WEEK LATER RATHER THAN PRESENT VIEWS PIECEMEAL.

2. ROTH SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT FRG MIGHT SOFTEN SOMEWHAT ITS INSISTENCE THAT ALLIED VERIFICATION PAPER BE LIMITED TO MBFR I; HE SAID PAPER SHOULD "FOCUS" ON MBFR-I AND SHOULD TO EXTENT POSSIBLE AVOID BINDING EFFECTS ON MBFR-II. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, MBFR EXPERT GESCHER CONFIRMED THIS SHIFT, VOICING PERSONAL VIEW THAT MBFR II VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPING VERIFICATION POSITION ON MBFR-I. GESCHER SAID GERMANS ALSO BEGINNING TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS FOR MBFR, PARTICULARLY PHASE II, OF POSSIBLE LABOR PARTY GOVERNMENT.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 BONN 03467 082237Z

3. ROTH SAID KEY VERIFICATION PROBLEM FOR BONN
REMAINS PERMANENT INSPECTION IN AREA LIMITED ON
WESTERN SIDE ESSENTIALLY TO FRG. HE SAID THAT
PERMANENT INSPECTION MORE IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE
THAN QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN NTM. ROTH ASSUMES
THAT US IS UNWILLING TO PRESS FOR OVERT VERIFICATION
ON SOVIET TERRITORY DUE
TO LIKELY SOVIET COUNTER-DEMANDS. WHILE FRG HAS NO
PROBLEM WITH TEMPORARY VERIFICATION OF FORCE
WITHDRAWALS, ROTH SAID PERMANENT INSPECTION OF FORCE
LEVELS LIMITED (IN PHASE I) OR FOCUSED (IN PHASE II)
ON FRG TERRITORY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND, AS FAR AS HE
CAN SEE, UNNECESSARY FOR MBFR PURPOSES. MOREOVER, ROTH
IS OPPOSED TO DETERMINING MBFR ISSUE OF "HOW LITTLE
VERIFICATION IS ENOUGH" ON BASIS OF PRECEDENT-MAKING
VALUE FOR FUTURE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.

4. ROTH SAID HE HOPES TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH
ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE ON MARGINS OF MARCH 18 TRILATERALS
IN WASHINGTON.
HILLENBRAND

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, FORCE & TROOP LEVELS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BONN03467
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740371/aaaacoes.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ACDA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 MAR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 MAR 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <02 MAY 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MBFR VERIFICATION ISSUES, THE BONN GOVERNMENT POSITION
TAGS: PARM, GE, MBFR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005